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Cambridgeshire

To: Business Coordination Board

From: Chief Constable

Date: 26 May 2020

HMICFRS – Thematic Report Counter-Terrorism Prevent

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement to the proposed response to the HMICFRS “Counter-terrorism policing: An inspection of the police’s contribution to the government’s Prevent programme” to the Business Coordination Board (“the Board”) from Cambridgeshire Constabulary (“the Constabulary”)

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Board is recommended to note the contents of the report

3. Background

- 3.1 On 9th March 2020, HMICFRS published their redacted report on “[Counter-terrorism policing: An inspection of the police’s contribution to the government’s Prevent programme](#)”.

As part of HMICFRS’ counter-terrorism inspections programme, they carried out an inspection to examine how effective the police are in contributing to Prevent. Between October 2018 and February 2019, they visited all 43 police forces in England and Wales, as well as the British Transport Police, the Civil Nuclear Constabulary and the Ministry of Defence Police. The inspection sought to establish what capability is

in place in police forces to support Prevent; whether there is consistency in the way in which police forces operate with regional counter-terrorism units and other organisations; and whether there is effective sharing of information within policing, with other agencies, and their joint approach to communication with the public about Prevent. The report sets out the high level findings and makes 8 recommendations to further improve the police approach to Prevent.

Within 56 days of publication, the “local policing body” (the Police and Crime Commissioner) must provide a response to the report. The response must be published, sent to the Secretary of State and sent to the inspectors of constabulary. The response must include comments from the Chief Constable. If the report includes recommendations, the comments should include an explanation of what action is being, or will be taken, or why no action is proposed.

4. Proposed response to the HMICFRS national recommendations:

- 4.1 By June 2020, the NPCC national Prevent lead and the College of Policing should develop a training and awareness package that encompasses continuous professional development for Prevent strategic leads in forces.

Force response: This recommendation is addressed to the NPCC national Prevent lead and the College of Policing. The Constabulary will await further information.

- 4.2 By June 2020, the College of Policing and the NPCC national lead for public protection and safeguarding should add vulnerability to radicalisation as the 14th core discipline of public protection.

Force response: This recommendation is addressed to the College of Policing and the NPCC national lead for public protection and safeguarding. The Constabulary will await further information.

- 4.3 With immediate effect, the NPCC national Prevent lead should make sure that all fixed intelligence management units have sufficient access to the Prevent case management tracker.

Force response: This recommendation is addressed to the NPCC national Prevent lead. The Constabulary will await further information.

- 4.4 With immediate effect, the NPCC national Prevent lead should create national guidance for the police service on applying Prevent to staff vulnerable to radicalisation or extremism, to identify a range of options, such as selection processes, welfare and vetting, including guidance on risk thresholds.

Force response: This recommendation is addressed to the NPCC national Prevent lead. The Constabulary will await further information.

- 4.5 By June 2020, the NPCC national Prevent lead should review the national business assurance process to assure compliance with NCTPHQ policy.

Force response: This recommendation is addressed to the NPCC national Prevent lead. The Constabulary will await further information.

- 4.6 By June 2020, the NPCC national Prevent lead and Office for Security and Counter-terrorism (OSCT) should develop performance measures that will help police forces assess their operational contributions to Prevent.

Force response: This recommendation is addressed to the NPCC national Prevent lead and Office for Security and Counter-terrorism. The Constabulary will await further information.

- 4.7 With immediate effect, the NPCC national Prevent lead and each force Prevent lead should review the attendance of force representatives at channel panels so that police are correctly represented by decision makers who can contribute to managing risk.

Force response: The Constabulary has reviewed the attendance at Channel panels and will ensure that there is appropriate local representation from the force to make effective decisions on behalf of the police.

- 4.8 By June 2020, the NPCC national Prevent lead and OSCT should undertake a national review of counter-terrorism local profiles (CTLP), to include its governance, purpose, method of creation, structure and dissemination, and produce revised CTLP guidance.

Force response: This recommendation is addressed to the NPCC national Prevent lead and Office for Security and Counter-Terrorism. The Constabulary will await further information.

5 Recommendation

- 5.1 The Board is recommended to endorse the proposed response to the HMICFRS recommendations to enable Police and Crime Commissioner to discharge his duties under Section 55(1) of the Police Act 1996 to respond to the report within 56 days of publication.